

Pre-suppression Briefing

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- Preparedness provides the basic fire organization and capability to prevent forest fires and to take prompt and effective initial attack suppression action.
- FY 2002 the forest is funded at 100% of the National Fire Plan; The Forest continues to fill vacant permanent as well as temporary fire positions.

Preparedness Organization

The Forest is planning for 22 wildland fire engines, 7 wildland fire dozers and 1 helicopter with the possibility of a second helicopter joint funded between the Arizona State Land Department, B.I.A. and F.S.

Nineteen positions have been or are in the process of being filled that include fifteen new hire engine positions, three dispatchers and two dozer operators.

Heber Hotshots also successfully picked up four permanent seasonal employees. This brought the crew to a total of six permanent appointments. The crew will be staffed by mid April and after completing two weeks of required training, will be available for fire suppression duty.

The Forest is currently in the process of hiring approximately eighty summer temporary fire suppression personnel.

We have also added an Arizona State Land Department funded dispatcher as well as a B.I.A. funded dispatcher to assist with the Interagency Zone dispatching duties.

Hazardous Fuels Reduction Briefing

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- The hazardous fuels reduction program strives to minimize the potential for large, destructive wildfires by reducing the volume of hazardous fuels on forests, woodlands, and grasslands. Allocations are made of two components:
 - 1. Reduction of hazardous fuel in the wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas
 - 2. Reduction of hazardous fuel on non-WUI lands.
- Of the 10,760 acres of scheduled Prescribed Burns planned across the forest, approximately 4,935 acres have been completed. The total burning accomplishment will be dependent on weather patterns and wildland fire activity.
- The Forest has a target of 11,701 acres of hazardous fuels reduction, of this total 5,530 acres are being treated in the wildland urban interface.
- There are 941 acres of proposed mechanical treatment.
- We have developed an Eastern Arizona Smoke Coordinating group to coordinate and minimize smoke impacts of our fuels reduction program in Eastern Arizona.

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Appropriation: Wildland Fire Management

Fire Preparedness – (WFPR) This account is for wildland fire management preparedness

Hazardous Fuel Reduction – (WFHF) This account is for hazardous fuels reduction

<i>Unit</i>	WFPR Funding	WFHF Funding
Apache-Sitgreaves	7,717,000	1,804,000
Coconino	6,408,000	3,078,000
Coronado	6,475,000	775,000
Kaibab	4,482,000	1,174,000
Prescott	4,303,000	1,346,000
Tonto	7,430,000	1,327,000
Totals	36,815,000	9,504,000